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REMARKS

This paper is intended to be a complete response to the above-identified Office Action. It is believed no fee is due. If fees are required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the necessary charges from Deposit Account 501922/149-0041US.

No claims have been amended, cancelled or added. Accordingly, claims 1-39 are currently pending in the instant patent application.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 39 as allegedly being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by U.S. Patent 6,282,570 to Leung et al. (hereinafter "Leung"). Specifically, the Examiner asserts that, with respect to independent claims 1, 14 and 27, Leung teaches:

collecting statistics on database objects ... determining characteristics of the database objects ... determining actions to be performed on the database objects ... automatically